

# Battle Ground Town Council

## Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2025

Note: The February 10 meeting was delayed to this date in order to have a quorum in attendance.

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten, Matt Coppock.

Also attending: Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, and by zoom.us phone in, Marshal BJ Moyars.

Guests: Edward Mroozian, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck, Carrie Lohmeyer, Bill Jones.

Guests using zoom.us; Joe Kline, Greg Martz, Alan Patterson

James Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Town Attorney**

Trees that were felled in the Shawnee Ridge utility easement need to be removed. Ron Holladay will seek a value determination and work with the attorney to resolve removal of logs and any settlement.

Alan Patterson attended to represent the owners of Woods Edge mobile home community and talk about next steps in the plan to replace the lift station. There is agreement to create a utility service agreement detailing the owner contribution to the infrastructure project. Eric Burns will work with BFS engineers and send a draft to Alan for review with legal counsel.

It was anticipated that a bond ordinance would be considered at this meeting. Decisions that are key to financing details are not locked in. One of the options is to use Build-Operate-Transfer project management. It was suggested that the council advertise for quotes to know the cost of Phase 1 and Phase 2 before proceeding with a bond. Mary Jo Totten **moved** to advertise for construction costs, with second of Matt Coppock. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Greg Martz will supply a template for advertising and BFS will add specifications as known at this time.

Residents in Ward 3 were sent a letter announcing the council vacancy. Interested applicants are to contact the council president or town hall. Interviews will be held after March 4, date and time to be announced.

### **Contract Services**

Brad Chesterman of Walker Hughes Insurance will present at the March council meeting.

Matt Coppock advised the group that Midwest Mole would be back the last week of February to work on the Shawnee Ridge sewer main.

BFS Civil Engineers completed their review of QuikTrip site development, drainage and utility extension plans for the property on Northgate Court. Matt Coppock **moved** to approve the review, with second of Mary Jo Totten. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of January 13 and January 28 were reviewed. Mary Jo Totten moved to approve both sets of minutes, with second of Matt Coppock. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

### **Clerk-Treasurer**

A **motion** to approve the Register of Claims January 14 to February 10, 2025 in the amount \$230,775.55 was offered by Mary Jo Totten, with second of Steve Hahn. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The council is in agreement that the Clerk-Treasurer will remain the town's representative for Title IV and ADA responsibilities, and Ron Holladay will be the MS4 Coordinator for 2025. Steve Hahn will act in this role if Ron is unavailable.

### **Police Department**

BJ Moyars reported the office relocated to 107 N Railroad Street was useful for a recent investigation. He plans to be moved out of Town Hall in a couple months. Deputies have been issuing snow removal warnings in town. Future violations after the documented warning may have a fine. They are also watching for animals left outside in the extreme cold, not properly cared for.

A new hire for deputy position is pending background check.

### **Utilities and Street**

The Indiana Alliance of Water and Wastewater has awarded a reimbursement grant for wages and training up to \$83,000 over a two-year period as Jantzen Fields moves through his coursework to obtain a wastewater operator license. Dan Gemmecke is the mentor of record, and will be helping Ron and Georgia prepare quarterly reports.

The Hawks Nest lift station required a new relay switch, and Ron discovered there is no supplier at this time for this repair item that is typically stock inventory for emergency use. The delays to completion of the new lift and force main are even more critical.

Ron contacted a company to provide a maintenance plan for the diesel generators, to keep them in top condition.

The council will be asked to pass an ordinance in March regarding Battle Ground continued participation in changes to Tippecanoe County MS4 program.

**Area Plan** – no report

### **Committees**

**Transportation** – No projects at this time

**Public Relations** – The town website now has links to recent council meeting audio files.

### **Old Business**

**Council vacancy** – A meeting will be held in March to interview candidates for Ward 3 council seat.

**Town Hall** – no discussion

### **New Business**

Purdue Honors College iFrontdoor project – Council agreement to participate with the Honors College on a project to increase digital presence.

Fundraising Event – The council agrees it is a good idea to create a permit from event organizers to establish contact information, dates and times, and responsible parties for insurance and other needs.

Pickleball Courts - A citizen contacted town hall to request consideration for pickle ball courts somewhere in town. This is a recreation activity that is attractive to many and becoming more popular. Jim Miller will contact County Parks to see if there is potential to put a court at the Battlefield Park.

### **Guest Comment**

Shawnee Ridge construction zone - Edward Mroosian asked Matt Coppock when the Hawks Nest lift station would be done. Matt thought sometime in the summer.

Regional Sewer Plan – Joe Kline advocated for conservative approach to the sewer plan, citing uncertain economy as a major concern.

**Motion** to adjourn 7:43 p.m. by Mary Jo Totten with second of Steve Hahn. Motion carried.

  
Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
James Miller, Council President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance  
Battle Ground Town Council

Date: February 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

in Person: James Miller, Mary Jo Totten, Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn

Also Present in Person: Georgia Jones, Ron Holladay

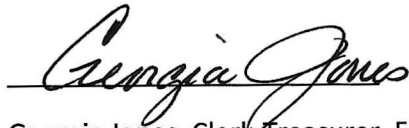
Virtual attendance: BJ Moyars

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroozian, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck, Carrie Lohmeyer, Bill Jones

Virtual attendance: Joe Kline, Greg Martz, Alan Patterson

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk